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Total population
(2013 Census Estimate): 990, 977

(Charlotte: 792,862; Cornelius: 26,898; Davidson: 11,750;
Huntersville: 50, 458; Matthews: 29,384; Mint Hill: 24,543;
Pineville: 8,061)

Total land area (in sq. mi.): 523.84

WHY CREATE A LIVABILITY PLAN?

The Greater Charlotte area has moved from being a crossroads regional destination to a national economic center with increasing global ties. This is projected to be one of the fastest growing urban areas in the country between now and 2030.

We want to preserve our character, embrace innovation, welcome new cultures, and move with vitality into the future.

The purpose of this Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan is to construct a unified Vision that gives voice to our commonly-held aspirations.

"Everyone – public, non-profit, private and philanthropic – has a role to play in making Mecklenburg County more livable. We all need to leverage our resources, connections and opportunities."

*– Brian Collier, Executive Vice President
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Livable Communities Plan

GREATER CHARLOTTE

BIG CITY OPPORTUNITIES, SMALL TOWN FEEL



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CHARLOTTE • CORNELIUS
DAVIDSON • HUNTERSVILLE
MATTHEWS • MINT HILL • PINEVILLE

Greater Charlotte – Big city opportunities, small town feel

GREATER CHARLOTTE IS HOME.

Home to generations of families and cultures from all over the world.
Home to neighborhoods that blend thriving businesses with natural landscapes.
Home to endless opportunities for all, where good people make great things happen.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
We are...

						
WELCOMING	INNOVATIVE	CONNECTED	INCLUSIVE	PREPARED	HEALTHY	RESILIENT

DESCRIPTORS:
Our focus is on...

CHARACTER ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITY SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS	JOBS ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMERCE	ENGAGED RESIDENTS TRANSPORTATION CHOICES	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION	A SKILLED WORKFORCE QUALITY EDUCATION	PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HEALTHY FOODS CLEAN ENVIRONMENT	FUTURE WELL-BEING COLLABORATION
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STRATEGIES:
We will...

Note: Each strategy addresses multiple Guiding Principles. Icons are shown under each strategy to indicate linkages.

Common Theme Associated with all Strategies: Engage the Community – Inform, Convene, Collaborate, and Empower

<p>Build a safe community [A]</p> 	<p>Make it easier for new businesses to succeed and existing businesses to flourish [E]</p> 	<p>Expand capacity and increase use of sidewalks, bikeways, greenways/paved trails, bus routes, and rail [I]</p> 	<p>Balance available housing options [K]</p> 	<p>Expand and enhance learning across all age groups [N]</p> 	<p>Create a culture of health and wellness [P]</p> 	<p>Manage zoning and development to revitalize community character and the natural environment while allowing for growth and innovation [S]</p> 
<p>Increase access to community-based arts, science, and history education [B]</p> 	<p>Increase global economic competitiveness [F]</p> 	<p>Build stronger connections across diverse population groups [J]</p> 	<p>Coordinate the work of organizations addressing the needs of at-risk residents [L]</p> 	<p>Enhance partnerships between workforce development initiatives and employers [O]</p> 	<p>Protect and restore the natural environment [Q]</p> 	<p>Manage resources wisely [T]</p> 
<p>Continue to be an inviting destination for residents, visitors, and businesses [C]</p> 	<p>Promote the redevelopment, reuse, and rehabilitation of declining and vacant properties [G]</p> 	<p>Expand the availability of affordable recreation and cultural services programs [M]</p> 			<p>Coordinate open space, greenways/ paved trails, and parks planning with neighborhood accessibility [R]</p> 	<p>Develop community and neighborhood leaders for the future [U]</p> 
<p>Celebrate and integrate history, culture, and diversity [D]</p> 	<p>Leverage technology [H]</p> 					